

Trees Touch the Lives of Many in Mt. Vernon

In July, 2009 a group of citizens met with Mayor Tucker to discuss planting trees in grates, either empty or having dead trees, in downtown Mt. Vernon. Over the summer the group did extensive homework on tree planting and selection, and determined the variety of trees acceptable to the city's needs.

A donation process was started to fund the project, and donations were received from twenty five generous donors. Twenty-one trees, weighing from 750 to 2,000 pounds each, were planted on Main, 3rd and 4th streets in November of 2009 by city workers and many interested volunteers. As older trees die out, they will be replaced. Continued maintenance and watering has been done by community volunteers.

The tree project has made a strong contribution to community pride. It has brought together the public sector and private volunteers projecting an image that this is a community that cares about its environment and citizens.

